

Remarks

The present Amendment is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.312. It is requested that the present Amendment be entered since it will not require any substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Examiner.

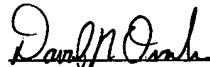
Claim 1 has been amended so as to add the word "and", which was unintentionally omitted, so as to improve the readability of claim 1. It is submitted that this amendment does not alter the scope of the claims, and therefore will not require any additional search or examination by the Examiner. Since the scope of the claims has not been changed, the claims remain patentable for the original reasons of allowance.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the present Amendment be entered as being directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.

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